

# STUDENT INTERNSHIPS

Nebraska Library Commission State Aid Funding Request FY 2016 - 2017

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## Summary

From 2010 to 2014, the Nebraska Library Commission managed a three-year grant from the Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program of the Institute of Museum and Library Services. Part of this funding involved an internship program to introduce potential librarians to librarianship and related career options.

## Funding Request

**\$25,000** for FY 2016 and **\$25,000** for FY 2017

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- Continue the Nebraska Public Library Internship Program
- Provide 25 internships each year in public libraries across Nebraska



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## Internships Teach Skills and Help Libraries Meet Community Needs

- Information skills such as **literacy, communication, collaboration, innovation,** and **critical thinking.**
  - 21<sup>st</sup> century skills such as **media, technology,** and **creativity.**
  - Life and career skills such as **initiative, self-direction, leadership, productivity, accountability,** and **cross-cultural interaction.**
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## 2010 - 2014 Internship Results

- **82%** said they were likely to pursue further education and apply for a library job within the next five years<sup>i</sup>
- **89%** reported that they would consider working in a library in the future<sup>ii</sup>
- **98%** characterized their internship experience as **"excellent"** or **"good"**<sup>i</sup>
- **98%** of intern supervisors characterized their overall experience as **"excellent"** or **"good"**<sup>i</sup>

## Testimonials

"I am considering a career as a librarian, and this internship helped me see that this is really what I want to do. I will be starting the search for graduate schools soon, and will go on to get my Master's degree in library science. I am so thankful to the staff here. They have helped me learn a lot this summer!"

– Katy Reznicek, Intern at the North Bend Public Library

"Our intern started a graphic novel section for youth... he headed up a Nook book discussion for a group of middle school boys (mostly). It went well and is an area we can continue to expand."

– Beth F., Intern Supervisor

"We've actually hired one of the interns for a grant-funded after-school program."

– Terry Wingate, Omaha Public Library



"It was a great experience and I loved meeting all of the new people and learning about the different parts within the library. Overall my experience here was amazing and I will carry this experience with me for the rest of my life."

– Jessica Lee, Intern at the Grand Island Public Library